

The Interview Summary

Applicants thank the Examiner for granting a telephonic interview to Applicant's representative on November 21, 2008. In discussing the application and the prior art, Applicant's representative pointed out that the Kikkawa reference fails to disclose non-synchronous operation and actually teaches away from non-synchronous operation. Also, it was pointed out that the Poteet reference fails to teach anything about synchronous or non-synchronous operation. Because the asserted references admittedly lack such a disclosure and even teach away from it, the combined references fail to teach each element of claim 1. The Examiner agreed with this assessment.